

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION**

MELVIN COCHRAN,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	CV422-171
)	
CHRISTOPHER J. GODFREY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pro se plaintiff Melvin Cochran has filed this case which appears to challenge disposition of a claim of disability by a United States Postal Worker, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 8101, *et seq.* See doc. 1 at 4. Cochran submitted financial information in support of a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, but the motion was not signed. See doc. 2 at 2. The Clerk notified him of the deficiency and directed him to correct it within fourteen days. See doc. 3. He has not corrected the deficiency within the time required by the Clerk's Notice. See *generally* docket.

This Court has the authority to prune cases from its dockets where parties have failed to prosecute their cases. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630-31 (1962) (courts have the

inherent authority to dismiss claims for lack of prosecution); *Mingo v. Sugar Cane Growers Co-op*, 864 F.2d 101, 102 (11th Cir. 1989); *Jones v. Graham*, 709 F.2d 1457, 1458 (11th Cir. 1983); *Floyd v. United States*, CV491-277 (S.D. Ga. June 10, 1992). Plaintiff's case should thus be **DISMISSED** without prejudice for failing to prosecute his case.¹

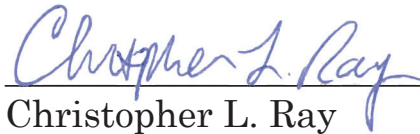
This Report and Recommendation (R&R) is submitted to the district judge assigned to this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and this Court's Local Rule 72.3. Within 14 days of service, any party may file written objections to this R&R with the Court and serve a copy on all parties. The document should be captioned "Objections to Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendations." Any request for additional time to file objections should be filed with the Clerk for consideration by the assigned district judge.

After the objections period has ended, the Clerk shall submit this R&R together with any objections to the assigned district judge. The district judge will review the magistrate judge's findings and recommendations pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). The parties are

¹ If Cochran corrects the defect within the fourteen-day objections period discussed below, he must also respond to this Report and Recommendation and **SHOW CAUSE** why he failed to timely respond.

advised that failure to timely file objections will result in the waiver of rights on appeal. 11th Cir. R. 3-1; *see Symonette v. V.A. Leasing Corp.*, 648 F. App'x 787, 790 (11th Cir. 2016); *Mitchell v. United States*, 612 F. App'x 542, 545 (11th Cir. 2015).

SO REPORTED AND RECOMMENDED, this 5th day of August, 2022.



Christopher L. Ray
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Georgia